

Mathematical Proofs

CHAPTER 3 – SETS (EXERCISE SOLUTIONS)

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Section 1: Describing a Set

Exercises

1) Which of the following are sets?

- a) $1, 2, 3$ Not a set
- b) $\{1, 2\}, 3$ Not a set
- c) $\{\{1\}, 2\}, 3$ Not a set
- d) $\{1, \{2\}, 3\}$ Set
- e) $\{1, 2, a, b\}$ Set

2) Let $S = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Describe each of the following sets as $\{x \in S : p(x)\}$, where $p(x)$ is some condition on x .

- a) $A = \{1, 2, 3\} = \{x \in S : x > 0\}$
- b) $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3\} = \{x \in S : x \geq 0\}$
- c) $C = \{-2, -1\} = \{x \in S : x < 0\}$
- d) $D = \{-2, 2, 3\} = \{x \in S : |x| \geq 2\}$

3) Determine the cardinality of each of the following sets:

- a) $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ $|A| = 5$
- b) $B = \{0, 2, 4, \dots, 20\}$ $|B| = 11$
- c) $C = \{25, 26, 27, \dots, 75\}$ $|C| = 51$
- d) $D = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$ $|D| = 2$
- e) $E = \{\emptyset\}$ $|E| = 1$
- f) $F = \{2, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ $|F| = 2$

4) Write each of the following sets by listing its elements within braces.

- a) $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : -4 < n \leq 4\} = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- b) $B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^2 < 5\} = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$
- c) $C = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n^3 < 100\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- d) $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - x = 0\} = \{0, 1\}$
- e) $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 + x = 0\} = \{-1, 0\}$

5) Write each of the following sets in the form $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : p(x)\}$, where $p(x)$ is a property concerning x .

- a) $A = \{-1, -2, -3, \dots\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x < 0\}$
- b) $B = \{-3, -2, \dots, 3\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : |x| \leq 3\}$
- c) $C = \{-2, -1, 1, 2\} = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : 0 < |x| \leq 2\}$

6) The set $E = \{2x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ can be described by listing its elements, namely $E = \{\dots, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, \dots\}$. List the elements of the following sets in a similar manner.

- a) $A = \{2x + 1 : x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, \dots\}$
- b) $B = \{4n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -8, -4, 0, 4, 8, \dots\}$
- c) $C = \{3q + 1 : q \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$

- 7) The set $E = \{\dots, -4, -2, 0, 2, 4, \dots\}$ of even integers can be described by means of a defining condition by $E = \{y = 2x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{2x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Describe the following sets in a similar manner.
- $A = \{\dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots\} = \{3x - 1 : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 - $B = \{\dots, -10, -5, 0, 5, 10, \dots\} = \{5x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
 - $C = \{1, 8, 27, 64, 125, \dots\} = \{x^3 : x \in \mathbb{N}\}$
- 8) Let $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : 2 \leq |n| < 4\}$, $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : 2 < x \leq 4\}$, $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - (2 + \sqrt{2})x + 2\sqrt{2} = 0\}$ and $D = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 - (2 + \sqrt{2})x + 2\sqrt{2} = 0\}$.
- Describe the set A by listing its elements.
 - $A = \{-2, -3, 2, 3\}$
 - Give an example of three elements that belong to B but do not belong to A.
 - $\frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{3}, \frac{9}{4}$
 - Describe the set C by listing its elements.
 - $C = \{\sqrt{2}, 2\}$
 - Describe the set D in another manner.
 - $D = \{2\}$
 - Determine the cardinality of the sets A, C and D.
 - $|A| = 4; |C| = 2; |D| = 1$
- 9) For $A = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13\}$, let $B = \{x \in A : x = y + z, \text{ where } y, z \in A\}$ and $C = \{r \in B : r + s \in B \text{ for some } s \in B\}$. Determine C.
- $B = \{5, 7, 8, 10, 13\}$
 - $C = \{5, 8\}$ (because $5 + 8 = 13$ and $8 + 5 = 13$)

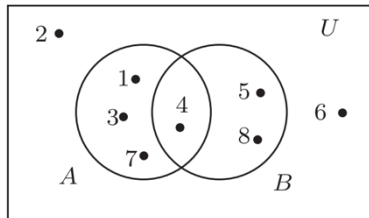
Section 2: Subsets

Exercises

- 10) Give examples of three sets A, B and C such that
- $A \subseteq B \subset C$
 - $A = \{1\}; B = \{1\}; C = \{1, 2\}$
 - $A \in B, B \in C$ and $A \notin C$
 - $A = \{1\}; B = \{\{1\}\}; C = \{\{\{1\}\}\}$
 - $A \in B$ and $A \subset C$
 - $A = \{1\}; B = \{\{1\}\}; C = \{1, 2\}$
- 11) Let (a, b) be an open interval of real numbers and let $c \in (a, b)$. Describe an open interval I centered at c such that $I \subseteq (a, b)$.
- Let $r = \min(c - a, b - c)$, then $I = (c - r, c + r)$
- 12) Which of the following sets are equal?
- $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : |n| < 2\} = \{-1, 0, 1\}$
 - $B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^3 = n\} = \{-1, 0, 1\}$
 - $C = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^2 \leq n\} = \{0, 1\}$

- d) $D = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n^2 \leq 1\} = \{-1, 0, 1\}$
 e) $E = \{-1, 0, 1\}$
 f) Conclusion: The elements in $\{A, B, D, E\}$ are equal and C is on its own.

13) For a universal set $U = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ and two sets $A = \{1, 3, 4, 7\}$ and $B = \{4, 5, 8\}$, draw a Venn diagram that represents these sets



14) Find $\mathcal{P}(A)$ and $|\mathcal{P}(A)|$ for

- a) $A = \{1, 2\}$;
 i) $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$;
 ii) $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{|A|} = 2^2 = 4$
 b) $A = \{\emptyset, 1, \{a\}\}$;
 i) $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{1\}, \{\{a\}\}, \{\emptyset, 1\}, \{\emptyset, \{a\}\}, \{1, \{a\}\}, \{\emptyset, 1, \{a\}\}\}$
 ii) $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{|A|} = 2^3 = 8$

15) Find $\mathcal{P}(A)$ for $A = \{0, \{0\}\}$.

- a) $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{\{0\}\}, \{0, \{0\}\}\} = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{\{0\}\}, A\}$

16) Find $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{1\}))$ and its cardinality.

- a) $\mathcal{P}(\{1\}) = \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}$
 b) $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{1\})) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{1\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{1\}\}\}$
 c) $|\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\{1\}))| = 2^{|\mathcal{P}(\{1\})|} = 2^2 = 4$

17) Find $\mathcal{P}(A)$ and $|\mathcal{P}(A)|$ for $A = \{0, \emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$.

- a) $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}, \{0, \emptyset\}, \{0, \{\emptyset\}\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}, A\}$
 b) $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{|A|} = 2^3 = 8$

18) For $A = \{x : x = 0 \text{ or } x \in \mathcal{P}(\{0\})\}$, determine $\mathcal{P}(A)$.

- a) $\mathcal{P}(\{0\}) = \{\emptyset, \{0\}\}$
 b) $A = \{\emptyset, 0, \{0\}\}$
 c) $\mathcal{P}(A) = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{0\}, \{\{0\}\}, \{\emptyset, 0\}, \{\emptyset, \{0\}\}, \{0, \{0\}\}, A\}$

19) Give an example of a set S such that

- a) $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$
 i) $S = \emptyset$
 b) $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$
 i) $S = \{1\}$

- c) $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ and $|S| = 5$
 i) $S = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2, 3\}\}$
 d) $S \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ and $|S| = 5$
 i) $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

20) Determine whether the following statements are true or false.

- a) If $\{1\} \in \mathcal{P}(A)$, then $1 \in A$ but $\{1\} \notin A$
 i) **False**, e.g. $A = \{1, \{1\}\}$
 b) If A, B and C are sets such that $A \subset \mathcal{P}(B) \subset C$ and $|A| = 2$, then $|C|$ can be 5 but $|C|$ cannot be 4.
 i) **True**. If $|A| = 2$, then the cardinality of $\mathcal{P}(B) = 2^2 = 4$. Since $\mathcal{P}(B)$ is a proper subset of C , C must at least have a cardinality of 5.
 c) If a set B has one more element than a set A , then $\mathcal{P}(B)$ has at least two more elements than $\mathcal{P}(A)$.
 i) **False**, if $A = \emptyset$ then $|\mathcal{P}(A)| = 2^{|\emptyset|} = 2^0 = 1$ and $|\mathcal{P}(B)| = 2^{|\emptyset|+1} = 2^1 = 2$. (It is true if $A \neq \emptyset$)
 d) If four sets A, B, C and D are subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$ such that $|A| = |B| = |C| = |D| = 2$, then at least two of these sets are equal.
 i) **True**. Different combinations of $\{1, 2, 3\}$ with cardinality 2: $\frac{3!}{(3-2)! \cdot 2!} = \frac{3!}{2!} = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{2} = 3$.
 Namely $\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}$ and $\{2, 3\}$.

21) Three subsets A, B and C of $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ have the same cardinality. Furthermore,

- a) 1 belongs to A and B but not to C .
 b) 2 belongs to A and C but not to B .
 c) 3 belongs to A and exactly one of B and C .
 d) 4 belongs to an even number of A, B and C .
 e) 5 belongs to an odd number of A, B and C .
 f) The sums of the elements in two of the sets A, B and C differ by 1.
 g) What is B ?
 i) $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
 ii) $B = \{1, 4, 5\}$
 iii) $C = \{2, 3, 4\}$

Section 3: Set Operations

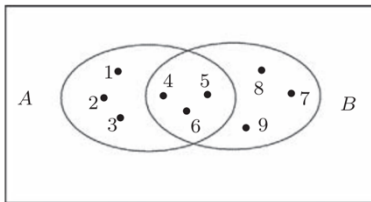
Exercises

22) Let $U = \{1, 3, \dots, 15\}$ be the universal set, $A = \{1, 5, 9, 13\}$, and $B = \{3, 9, 15\}$. Determine the following.

- a) $A \cup B = \{1, 3, 5, 9, 13, 15\}$
 b) $A \cap B = \{9\}$
 c) $A - B = \{1, 5, 13\}$
 d) $B - A = \{3, 15\}$
 e) $\bar{A} = U - A = \{3, 7, 11, 15\}$
 f) $A \cap \bar{B} = A - B = \{1, 5, 13\}$

23) Give examples of two sets A and B such that $|A - B| = |A \cap B| = |B - A| = 3$. Draw the accompanying Venn diagram.

a) $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}; B = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$



24) Give examples of three sets A , B and C such that $B \neq C$ but $B - A = C - A$

a) $A = \{1, 2\}$

b) $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

c) $C = \{1, 3\}$

25) Give examples of three sets A , B and C such that

a) $A \in B, A \subseteq C$ and $B \not\subseteq C$

i) $A = \{1\}$

ii) $B = \{\{1\}\}$

iii) $C = \{1\}$

b) $B \in A, B \subset C$ and $A \cap C \neq \emptyset$

i) $A = \{\{1\}\}$

ii) $B = \{1\}$

iii) $C = \{1, \{1\}\}$

c) $A \in B, B \subseteq C$ and $A \not\subseteq C$

i) $A = \{1\}$

ii) $B = \{\{1\}\}$

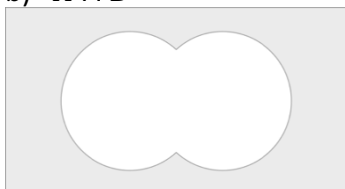
iii) $C = \{\{1\}\}$

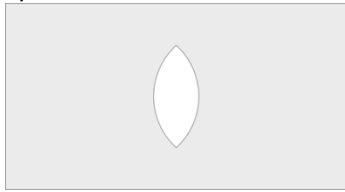
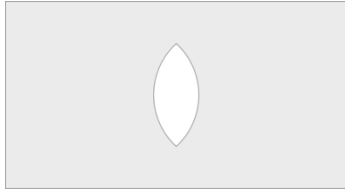
26) Let U be a universal set and let A and B be two subsets of U . Draw a Venn diagram for each of the following sets.

a) $\overline{A \cup B}$



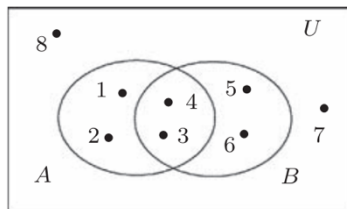
b) $\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$



c) $\overline{A \cap B}$ d) $\overline{A \cup B}$ 

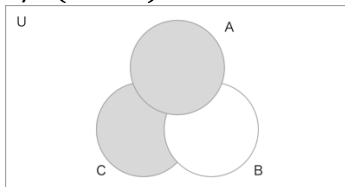
27) Give an example of a universal set U , two sets A and B and accompanying Venn diagram such that $|A \cap B| = |A - B| = |B - A| = |\overline{A \cup B}| = 2$

a) $U = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$; $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$; $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$

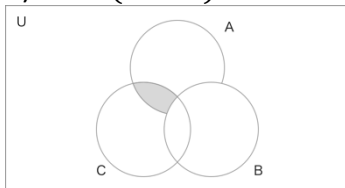


28) Let A , B and C be nonempty subsets of a universal set U . Draw a Venn diagram for each of the following set operations.

a) $(C - B) \cup A$



b) $C \cap (A - B)$



29) Let $A = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\{\emptyset\}\}\}$.

a) Determine which of the following are elements of A : $\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$

i) \emptyset and $\{\emptyset\}$ are elements of A

b) Determine $|A| = 3$

c) Determine which of the following are subsets of A : $\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$

i) $\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}$ and $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$ are subsets of A

For (d)-(i), determine the indicated sets.

- d) $\emptyset \cap A = \emptyset$
- e) $\{\emptyset\} \cap A = \{\emptyset\}$
- f) $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \cap A = \{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}$
- g) $\emptyset \cup A = A$
- h) $\{\emptyset\} \cup A = A$
- i) $\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\} \cup A = A$

30) Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x - 1| \leq 2\}$, $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| \geq 1\}$ and $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x + 2| \leq 3\}$.

- a) Express A, B and C using interval notation.
 - i) $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -1 \leq x \leq 3\} = [-1, 3]$
 - ii) $B = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$
 - iii) $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -5 \leq x \leq 1\} = [-5, 1]$

31) Give an example of four different sets A, B, C and D such that (1) $A \cup B = \{1, 2\}$ and $C \cap D = \{2, 3\}$ and (2) if B and C are interchanged and \cup and \cap are interchanged, then we get the same result ($A \cap C = \{1, 2\}$ and $B \cup D = \{2, 3\}$).

- a) $A = \{1, 2\}$
- b) $B = \{2\}$
- c) $C = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- d) $D = \{2, 3\}$

32) Give an example of four different subsets A, B, C and D of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ such that all intersections of two subsets are different.

- a) $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$
- b) $B = \{2, 4\}$
- c) $C = \{2, 3, 4\}$
- d) $D = \{1, 3, 4\}$
 - i) $A \cap B = B \cap A = \{2\}$
 - ii) $A \cap C = C \cap A = \{2, 3\}$
 - iii) $A \cap D = D \cap A = \{1, 3\}$
 - iv) $B \cap C = C \cap B = \{2, 4\}$
 - v) $B \cap D = D \cap B = \{4\}$
 - vi) $C \cap D = D \cap C = \{3, 4\}$

33) Give an example of two nonempty sets A and B such that $\{A \cup B, A \cap B, A - B, B - A\}$ is the power set of some set.

- a) $A = \{1\}$
- b) $B = \{2\}$
- c) $\mathcal{P}(\{\{1, 2\}\}) = \{\{1, 2\}, \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}\}$

34) Give examples of two subsets A and B of $\{1, 2, 3\}$ such that all of the following sets are different: $A \cup B, A \cup \bar{B}, \bar{A} \cup B, \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}, A \cap B, A \cap \bar{B}, \bar{A} \cap B, \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$.

- a) $A = \{1, 2\}$
- b) $B = \{2, 3\}$
- c) Then the different results are: $\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2\}, \{1\}, \{3\}, \emptyset$

35) Give examples of a universal set U and sets A , B and C such that each of the following sets contains exactly one element: $A \cap B \cap C$, $(A \cap B) - C$, $(A \cap C) - B$, $(B \cap C) - A$, $A - (B \cup C)$, $B - (A \cup C)$, $C - (A \cup B)$, $\overline{A \cup B \cup C}$. Draw the accompanying Venn diagram.

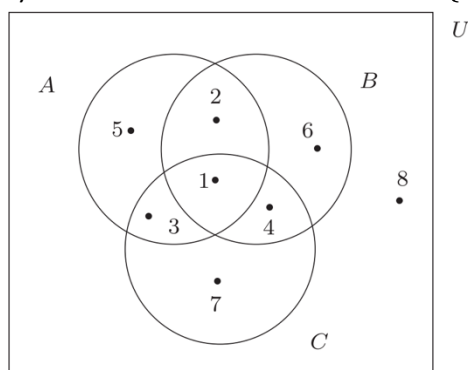
a) $U = \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$

b) $A = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$

c) $B = \{1, 2, 4, 6\}$

d) $C = \{1, 3, 4, 7\}$

e) Then the different results are: $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{6\}, \{7\}, \{8\}$.



Section 4: Indexed Collections of Sets

Exercises

36) For a real number r , define S_r to be the interval $[r - 1, r + 2]$. Let $A = \{1, 3, 4\}$. Determine $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} S_\alpha$ and $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} S_\alpha$.

a) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} S_\alpha = [0, 3] \cup [2, 5] \cup [3, 6] = [0, 6]$

b) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} S_\alpha = [0, 3] \cap [2, 5] \cap [3, 6] = \{3\}$

37) Let $A = \{1, 2, 5\}$, $B = \{0, 2, 4\}$, $C = \{2, 3, 4\}$ and $S = \{A, B, C\}$. Determine $\bigcup_{X \in S} X$ and $\bigcap_{X \in S} X$.

a) $\bigcup_{X \in S} X = \{1, 2, 5\} \cup \{0, 2, 4\} \cup \{2, 3, 4\} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 5\}$

b) $\bigcap_{X \in S} X = \{1, 2, 5\} \cap \{0, 2, 4\} \cap \{2, 3, 4\} = \{2\}$

38) For a real number r , define $A_r = \{r^2\}$, B_r as the closed interval $[r - 1, r + 1]$ and C_r as the interval (r, ∞) . For $S = \{1, 2, 4\}$, determine

a) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in S} A_\alpha$ and $\bigcap_{\alpha \in S} A_\alpha$

i) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in S} A_\alpha = \{1^2\} \cup \{2^2\} \cup \{4^2\} = \{1, 4, 16\}$

ii) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in S} A_\alpha = \emptyset$

b) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in S} B_\alpha$ and $\bigcap_{\alpha \in S} B_\alpha$

i) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in S} B_\alpha = [0, 2] \cup [1, 3] \cup [3, 5] = [0, 5]$

ii) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in S} B_\alpha = \emptyset$

c) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in S} C_\alpha$ and $\bigcap_{\alpha \in S} C_\alpha$

i) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in S} C_\alpha = (1, \infty) \cup (2, \infty) \cup (4, \infty) = (1, \infty)$

ii) $\bigcap_{\alpha \in S} C_\alpha = (4, \infty)$

39) Let $A = \{a, b, \dots, z\}$ be the set consisting of the letters of the alphabet. For $\alpha \in A$, let A_α consist of α and the two letters that follow it, where $A_y = \{y, z, a\}$ and $A_z = \{z, a, b\}$. Find a

set $S \subseteq A$ of smallest cardinality such that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in S} A_\alpha = A$. Explain why your set S has the required properties.

a) $S = \{a, d, g, j, m, p, s, v, y\}; |S| = 9$

b) 26 letters in the alphabet divided by 3 (cardinality of any A_α) = $\frac{26}{3} = 8,6 \approx 9$

40) For $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $A_i = \{i - 1, i + 1\}$. Determine the following:

a) $\bigcup_{i=1}^5 A_{2i} = \{1, 3\} \cup \{3, 5\} \cup \dots \cup \{9, 11\} = \{1, 3, \dots, 11\}$

b) $\bigcup_{i=1}^5 (A_i \cap A_{i+1}) = (\{0, 2\} \cap \{1, 3\}) \cup (\{1, 3\} \cap \{2, 4\}) \cup \dots \cup (\{4, 6\} \cap \{5, 7\}) = \emptyset$

c) $\bigcup_{i=1}^5 (A_{2i-1} \cap A_{2i+1}) = (\{0, 2\} \cap \{2, 4\}) \cup (\{2, 4\} \cap \{4, 6\}) \cup \dots \cup (\{8, 10\} \cap \{10, 12\}) = \{2, 4, \dots, 10\}$

41) For each of the following, find an indexed collection $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of distinct sets (that is, no two sets are equal) satisfying the given conditions.

a) $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty A_n = \{0\}$ and $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty A_n = [0, 1]$

i) $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $A_n = \left\{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n}\right\} = \left[0, \frac{1}{n}\right]$

b) $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty A_n = \{-1, 0, 1\}$ and $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty A_n = \mathbb{Z}$

i) $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $A_n = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} : |a| \leq n\}$

42) For each of the following collections of sets, define a set A_n for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that the indexed collection $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is precisely the given collection of sets. Then find both the union and intersection of the indexed collections of sets.

a) $\left\{[1, 2 + 1), \left[1, 2 + \frac{1}{2}\right), \left[1, 2 + \frac{1}{3}\right), \dots\right\}$

i) $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ where $A_n = \left\{x \in \mathbb{R} : 1 \leq x < 2 + \frac{1}{n}\right\} = \left[1, 2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)$

b) $\left\{(-1, 2), \left(-\frac{3}{2}, 4\right), \left(-\frac{5}{3}, 6\right), \left(-\frac{7}{4}, 8\right), \dots\right\}$

i) $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ where $A_n = \left\{x \in \mathbb{R} : -\frac{2n-1}{n} < x < 2n\right\} = \left(-\frac{2n-1}{n}, 2n\right)$

43) For $r \in \mathbb{R}^+$, let $A_r = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| < r\}$. Determine $\bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} A_r$ and $\bigcap_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} A_r$.

a) $\bigcup_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} A_r = \mathbb{R}$

b) $\bigcap_{r \in \mathbb{R}^+} A_r = \{0\}$

44) Each of the following sets is a subset of $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$: $A_1 = \{1, 5, 7, 9, 10\}$, $A_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 8, 9\}$, $A_3 = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 9\}$, $A_4 = \{2, 4, 8\}$, $A_5 = \{3, 6, 7\}$, $A_6 = \{3, 8, 10\}$, $A_7 = \{4, 5, 7, 9\}$, $A_8 = \{4, 5, 10\}$, $A_9 = \{4, 6, 8\}$, $A_{10} = \{5, 6, 10\}$, $A_{11} = \{5, 8, 9\}$, $A_{12} = \{6, 7, 10\}$, $A_{13} = \{6, 8, 9\}$.

a) Find a set $I \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, 13\}$ such that for every two distinct elements $j, k \in I$, $A_j \cap A_k = \emptyset$ and $|\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i|$ is maximum.

i) $I = \{1, 4\}$

45) For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $A_n = \left(-\frac{1}{n}, 2 - \frac{1}{n}\right)$. Determine $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ and $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$.

a) $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = (-1, 2)$

b) $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n = [0, 1]$

Section 5: Partitions of Sets

Exercises

- 46) Which of the following are partitions of $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$? For each collection of subsets that is not a partition of A, explain your answer.
- $S_1 = \{\{a, c, e, g\}, \{b, f\}, \{d\}\}$; **This is a partition of A**
 - $S_2 = \{\{a, b, c, d\}, \{e, f\}\}$; This is not a partition, because $\forall s \in S_2, g \notin s$
 - $S_3 = \{A\}$; **This is a partition of A**
 - $S_4 = \{\{a\}, \emptyset, \{b, c, d\}, \{e, f, g\}\}$; This is not a partition because $\emptyset \in S_4$
 - $S_5 = \{\{a, c, d\}, \{b, g\}, \{e\}, \{b, f\}\}$; This is not a partition because b is in $\{b, f\}$ and in $\{b, g\}$.
- 47) Which of the following sets are partitions of $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$?
- $S_1 = \{\{1, 3\}, \{2, 5\}\}$; This is not a partition since the element 4 belongs to no element of S_1 .
 - $S_2 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4, 5\}\}$; **This is a partition**
 - $S_3 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 5\}\}$; This is not a partition, since 2, 3 and 4 appear in multiple elements of S_3 .
 - $S_4 = A$; This is not a partition, since it isn't a collection of subsets of A, but the set A itself.
- 48) Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Give an example of a partition S of A such that $|S| = 3$
- $S = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}\}$
- 49) Give an example of a set A with $|A| = 4$ and two disjoint partitions S_1 and S_2 of A with $|S_1| = |S_2| = 3$
- $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
 - $S_1 = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3, 4\}\}$
 - $S_2 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}\}$
- 50) Give an example of a partition of \mathbb{N} into three subsets.
- $S = \{\{1\}, \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x > 1 \text{ and } x \text{ is even}\}, \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x > 1 \text{ and } x \text{ is odd}\}\}$
- 51) Give an example of a partition of \mathbb{Q} into three subsets.
- $S = \{\{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x < 0\}, \{0\}, \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x > 0\}\}$
- 52) Give an example of three sets A, S_1, S_2 such that S_1 is a partition of A, S_2 is a partition of S_1 and $|S_2| < |S_1| < |A|$.
- $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
 - $S_1 = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3, 4\}\}$
 - $S_2 = \{\{\{1\}, \{2\}\}, \{\{3, 4\}\}\}$
 - Then $|A| = 4; |S_1| = 3; |S_2| = 2$; and $|S_2| < |S_1| < |A|$.
- 53) Give an example of a partition of \mathbb{Z} into four subsets.
- $S = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$
 - $A_1 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x < 0 \text{ and } x \text{ is odd}\}$
 - $A_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x < 0 \text{ and } x \text{ is even}\}$

- iii) $A_3 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq 0 \text{ and } x \text{ is odd}\}$
- iv) $A_4 = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \geq 0 \text{ and } x \text{ is even}\}$

- 54) Let $A = \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}$. Give an example of a partition S of A satisfying the following requirements: (i) $|S| = 5$, (ii) there is a subset T of S such that $|T| = 4$ and $|\bigcup_{X \in T} X| = 10$ and (iii) there is no element $B \in S$ such that $|B| = 3$.
- a) $S = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}, \{7, 8\}, \{9, 10\}, \{11, 12\}\}$
 - b) $T = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}, \{7, 8\}, \{9, 10\}\}$
 - c) $\bigcup_{X \in T} X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$
- 55) A set S is partitioned into two subsets S_1 and S_2 . This produces a partition \mathcal{P}_1 of S where $\mathcal{P}_1 = \{S_1, S_2\}$ and so $|\mathcal{P}_1| = 2$. One of the sets in \mathcal{P}_1 is then partitioned into two subsets, producing a partition \mathcal{P}_2 of S with $|\mathcal{P}_2| = 3$. A total of $|\mathcal{P}_1|$ sets in \mathcal{P}_2 are partitioned into two new subsets each, producing a partition \mathcal{P}_3 of S . Next, a total of $|\mathcal{P}_2|$ sets in \mathcal{P}_3 are partitioned into two new subsets, each producing a partition \mathcal{P}_4 of S . This is continued until partition \mathcal{P}_6 of S . What is $|\mathcal{P}_6|$?
- a) $|\mathcal{P}_1| = 2$
 - b) $|\mathcal{P}_2| = 3$
 - c) $|\mathcal{P}_3| = 5$ (since $|\mathcal{P}_1|$ subsets are partitioned into two new subsets each)
 - d) $|\mathcal{P}_4| = 8$ (since $|\mathcal{P}_2|$ subsets are partitioned into two new subsets each)
 - e) $|\mathcal{P}_5| = 13$ (since $|\mathcal{P}_3|$ subsets are partitioned into two new subsets each)
 - f) $|\mathcal{P}_6| = 21$ (since $|\mathcal{P}_4|$ subsets are partitioned into two new subsets each)
- 56) We mentioned that there are three ways that a collection S of subsets of a nonempty set A is defined to be a partition of A . **Definition 1:** The collection S consists of pairwise disjoint nonempty subsets of A and every element of A belongs to a subset in S . **Definition 2:** The collection S consists of nonempty subsets of A and every element of A belongs to exactly one subset in S . **Definition 3:** The collection S consists of subsets of A satisfying the three properties (1) every subset in S is nonempty, (2) every two subsets of A are equal or disjoint and (3) the union of all subsets in S is A .
- a) Show that any collection S of subsets of A satisfying Definition 1 satisfies Definition 2.
 - i) In definition 1, the subsets of A in S are pairwise disjoint and every element of A belongs to a subset in S .
 - ii) Since the subsets are pairwise disjoint, each element of A is contained in only one subset of S .
 - iii) This is the same as saying, each element of A belongs to exactly one subset in S , which is the premise of definition 2.
 - b) Show that any collection S of subsets of A satisfying Definition 2 satisfies Definition 3.
 - i) In definition 2, the union of all subsets in S is A . Thus any element $x \in A$ can be found in a subset of S .
 - ii) Definition 3 also states that the subsets of S must be pairwise disjoint, which together with previous statement implies that and every element of A belongs to exactly one subset in S .
 - c) Show that any collection S of subsets of A satisfying Definition 3 satisfies Definition 1.

- i) In definition 3, the union of all subsets in S is A . Thus any element $x \in A$ can be found in a subset of S . This is the same as stated in definition 1: every element of A belongs to a subset in S .
- ii) Definition 1 also states: the collection S consists of pairwise disjoint nonempty subsets of A . This is the same as in definition 3: every subset in S is nonempty and every two subsets of A are equal or disjoint.